

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

2:00 P.M.
BOCES

SENECA ROOM – TST

PRESENT: N. Zook, D. Bradac, L. Schoffel, H. Cooper, J. Bellis, S. Tabor, Y. Merritt

EXCUSED: B. Myers, V. Zeppelin, B. Yarosh, R. Pollack

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Mattick called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Educator in the Workplace

The Educator in the Workplace was a collaborative effort of the Workforce Investment Board, TST BOCES and TC3 Tech Prep that was held in early July. Five teachers were placed in local businesses and then they developed curriculum to be implemented in their classrooms. Everyone was pleased with the process and feedback from the teachers and businesses was very positive. It is hoped that the program can be substantially expanded in coming years. A presentation will be given to the Workforce Investment Board on September 28, 2010.

Summer Youth Employment Program Update

Ms. Bradac stated that early on there was concern that funds would not be available for a summer youth employment program this year; however, it was finally approved and the program was able to begin on a much smaller scale this year. Ms. Bellis stated the Office of Employment and Training was able to serve a total of 56 youth this summer in subsidized employment, 46 in the TANF Program and 10 in WIA. She stated that although the program was much smaller, worksites really came through and there were a number of youth who were able to obtain unsubsidized employment this summer.

Ms. Tabor stated YES let families and youth know very early on that they would need to seek employment on their own this summer due to the funding constraints and many were able to obtain unsubsidized employment outside the Program. YES served 52 youth in the TANF program, utilizing 47 employers. She stated that overall the summer went well and noted this was in part due to several returning staff members that were able to hit the floor running once funding came through.

Ms. Zook stated that in light of the funding obstacles now and in the future, the group should begin discussing ways to support youth in finding unsubsidized jobs. Ms. Mattick agreed stating she is not overly optimistic of funding being available in 2011. She suggested this be an agenda item for discussion at the October meeting.

Health Careers Expo Update

Planning is underway for the second annual health careers expo. The event is scheduled for October 14, 2010 at Ithaca College. Volunteers are still needed as a greater number of youth are expected to attend this year.

Announcements

Ms. Bradac announced that the Star Hospitality Program is being held next week and stated there are still slots available if folks know of anyone who would like to attend. She will forward the materials to members via email.

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Ms. Schoffel announced that the County Administrator is recommending funding for the municipal youth system be cut in the 2011 budget and this will impact approximately 2000 youth and 22 full time employees. She asked that members advocate for the program when they are out in the community and with county legislators.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at BOCES.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu.